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## January Farm Labor

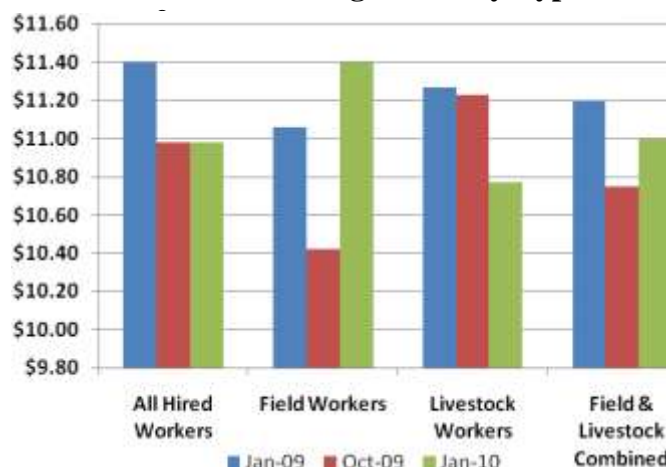
**Missouri Highlights:** The Cornbelt II region (Missouri and Iowa) had 23,000 workers on farms and ranches during the survey week of January 10-16, 2010. The workers hired estimate is down from 30,000 workers in the October 2009 survey week and up from the 20,000 hired workers in the January 2009 survey week.

The average wage rate for all hired workers during the January 2010 survey week was \$10.98 per hour, down 42 cents from a year ago, and down 13 cents from the October 2009 average. Field workers were paid an average of \$11.40 per hour, livestock workers \$10.77 per hour, and combined field and livestock workers \$11.00 per hour.

**U.S. Highlights:** There were 767,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 10-16, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 587,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.06 per hour during the January 2010 reference week, up 13 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.14 per hour, up 18

cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.26 per hour compared with \$10.27 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.19 per hour, was up 11 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 7.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

**Cornbelt II Wage Rates by Type**



**Farm Labor and Wage Rates, Cornbelt II (Missouri and Iowa)  
January 2009, October 2009, and January 2010 <sup>1/</sup>**

Item	January 11-17, 2009	October 11-17, 2009	January 10-16, 2010
<b>FARM EMPLOYMENT - Hired Workers</b>			
	<i>Thousands</i>		
Number of Workers	20	30	23
	<i>Hours per Week</i>		
Numbers of Hours Worked per Worker	34.0	31.1	33.5
<b>FARM WAGE RATES - Type of Worker</b>			
	<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>		
All Hired Workers	11.40	10.85	10.98
Field Workers	11.06	10.46	11.40
Livestock Workers	11.27	11.23	10.77
Field & Livestock Workers Combined	11.20	10.75	11.00

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

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## Lamb and Mutton Production at Record Low for January

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2009.

**Beef production**, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down slightly from January 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.6 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,800 head, 2 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.81 billion pounds, 11 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 10 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.8 million pounds, was 3 percent below January 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,600 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

### Annual Commercial Red Meat Slaughter and Red Meat Production <sup>1/2/</sup>

Item	Missouri		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>Head</b> <i>Thousands</i>				
Cattle	8.5	7.2	2,718	2,707
Calves	0.1	3/	84.7	82.8
Hogs	723.0	648.1	9,922.6	8,903.2
Sheep & Lambs	0.4	0.3	189.5	186.6
<b>Average Live Weight</b> <i>Pounds</i>				
Cattle	1,206	1,196	1,306	1,290
Calves	347	3/	245	238
Hogs	275	279	272	272
Sheep & Lambs	111	113	141	138
<b>Dressed Weight</b> <i>Million Pounds</i>				
Red Meat	143.3	140.8	4,147.5	3,916.4

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ State with no data printed are still included in the U.S. total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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## Missouri Annual Egg Production Unchanged

Egg production in **Missouri** totaled 1.97 billion eggs during the year ending November 30, 2009, unchanged from a year ago. The number of layers averaged 7.14 million, up slightly from the 2008 average number of layers of 6.85 million. The annual rate of lay for 2009, at 276 eggs per layer was up slightly from 2008.

**U.S. Average Number of Layers Down 1 Percent:** Layer numbers during 2009 averaged 337 million, down 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2009 was 268 eggs, up 1 percent from 2008.

**U.S. Egg Production Up Slightly:** Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2009 totaled 90.4 billion eggs, up slightly from 2008. Table egg production, at 77.7 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.7 billion eggs, was down 5 percent from 2008.

**U.S. December 1 Inventory Numbers:** The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2009 (excluding commercial broilers) was 450 million birds, up 1 percent from last year.

**U.S. Total Value:** The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2009 was \$1.50 billion, down 1 percent from December 1, 2008. The average value decreased from \$3.39 per bird on December 1, 2008, to \$3.34 per bird on December 1, 2009.

### Annual All Layers and Egg Production, 2008-2009 <sup>1/2/</sup>

State	Average Number of Layers		Eggs per Layer <sup>4/</sup>		Total Egg Production	
	2008 <sup>3/</sup>	2009	2008 <sup>3/</sup>	2009	2008 <sup>3/</sup>	2009
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Number</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>	
AR	13,371	12,343	235	238	3,139	2,935
IA	53,523	53,801	269	269	14,407	14,475
<b>MO</b>	<b>6,854</b>	<b>7,144</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>1,973</b>
US	339,131	337,376	266	268	90,040	90,359

1/ Annual estimates cover the period Dec 1 previous year thru Nov 30.

2/ Total may not add due to rounding.

3/ Revised

4/ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

### Chickens: Number, Value Per Head, and Total Value by State, United States December 1, 2008-2009 <sup>1/2/</sup>

State	Number		Value Per Head		Total Value	
	2008 <sup>3/</sup>	2009	2008	2009	2008 <sup>3/</sup>	2009
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
AR	20,749	19,934	6.40	5.80	132,794	115,617
IA	65,429	65,972	2.40	2.40	157,030	158,333
<b>MO</b>	<b>9,608</b>	<b>9,580</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>30,746</b>	<b>35,446</b>
US	446,906	449,610	3.39	3.34	1,517,210	1,501,605

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### January Milk Production

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cows <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
IL	102	101	1,610	1,615	164	163
IA	215	215	1,700	1,735	366	373
<b>MO</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>124</b>
23-State						
Total	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,782	14,902	14,817

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### U.S. Dairy Production by Product, Jan 2010

Product	Jan 2010	Change From	
		Jan 2009	Dec 2009
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
<b>Butter</b>	162,040	-7.2	7.5
<b>Cheese</b>			
American Types <sup>1/</sup>	347,712	-1.6	-0.5
Total	842,348	2.2	-2.3
	1,000 Gallons	Percent	
<b>Frozen Products</b>			
Ice Cream, Hard	56,358	-2.0	13.6
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	23,172	-2.6	0.7
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	843	4.6	-3.9
Sherbet, Hard	3,432	-3.4	19.5
Frozen Yogurt, Total	3,858	12.5	-5.1
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
<b>Dry Whey Products</b>			
Dry Whey, Human	81,993	11.3	2.3
Dry Whey, Animal	3,477	-36.3	-30.3
Dry Whey, Total	85,470	8.0	0.4

1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey and Jack.

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### Chicks Hatched by Commercial Hatcheries

Item	January		Jan - Jan	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000			
<b>Broiler-Type</b>				
19 States <sup>1/</sup>	754,965	749,979	754,965	749,979
U.S.	778,401	775,615	778,401	775,615
<b>Egg-Type</b>				
U.S.	38,083	38,794	38,083	38,794

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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### Average Prices Received by Farmers <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Missouri			U.S.
		Feb 2009*	Jan 2010	Feb 2010 <sup>2/</sup>	Feb 2010 <sup>2/</sup>
		Dollars			
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.15	4.27	4.15	4.36
Corn	Bu	3.99	3.66	3.60	3.45
Soybeans	Bu	9.50	9.81	9.65	9.40
Sorghum	Cwt	5.45	5.84	5.75	5.42
<b>BALED HAY <sup>2/</sup></b>					
All Hay	Ton	103.00	78.00	75.00	107.00
Alfalfa	Ton	165.00	130.00	130.00	111.00
Other	Ton	85.00	65.00	60.00	97.10
<b>ALL BEEF</b>					
Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	42.00	44.00	47.90	50.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	91.90	92.60	97.10	89.40
Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt	74.90	78.00	80.40	84.40
Calves	Cwt	105.00	105.00	108.00	111.00
<b>ALL HOGS</b>					
Sows	Cwt	42.70	36.60	42.30	45.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	38.20	44.40	44.00	48.20
All Hogs	Cwt	38.60	43.90	43.90	48.10
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz	0.610	2/	2/	0.775
<b>MILK</b>					
Fluid Grade <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	12.50	16.60		15.90
Manufacturing Grade <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	9.50	13.90		15.80
All Milk <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	12.40	16.50	16.30	15.90
<b>HOG/CORN Ratio <sup>6/</sup></b>		9.67	11.99	12.19	13.94

1/ Prices received represent the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations of specific grades or classes.

2/ Discontinued Mid-month and monthly prices.

3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined.

5/ Missouri January fat test %: all milk 3.78, fluid grade 3.77, mfg grade 3.99.

U.S. February fat test %: all milk 3.73, fluid grade 3.73, mfg grade 4.09.

6/ "All Hogs" divided by "Corn" prices.

\* Revised.

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### January 2010 Egg Production

State	Number of Layers on Hand <sup>1/</sup>	Eggs per 100 for All Layers	Total Production
	1,000	Number	Million Eggs
AR	12,299	1,976	243
IA	54,558	2,256	1,231
<b>MO</b>	<b>7,053</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>163</b>
U.S.	339,173	2,268	7,692

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

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## United States Honey Production Down 12 Percent

**Honey production** in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up 5 percent from 2008. **Yield per colony** averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008, and is the lowest yield since 1989. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 37.2 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down 27 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

### Honey Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by Selected States and United States, 2008- 2009 <sup>1/2/</sup>

State	Honey Producing Colonies <sup>3/</sup>		Yield per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 <sup>4/</sup>		Average Price per Pound <sup>5/</sup>		Value of Production <sup>6/</sup>	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
AR	28	24	75	57	2,100	1,368	525	301	135	139	2,835	1,902
IL	8	8	56	34	448	272	116	57	259	226	1,160	615
IA	24	26	62	42	1,488	1,092	580	339	158	151	2,351	1,649
<b>MO</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,024</b>
U.S. <sup>7/8/</sup>	2,342	2,462	70	59	163,789	144,108	51,159	37,153	142	145	232,744	208,236

<sup>1/</sup> For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. <sup>2/</sup> Revised <sup>3/</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. <sup>4/</sup> Stocks held by producers. <sup>5/</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales. <sup>6/</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound. <sup>7/</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. <sup>8/</sup> Summation of States will not equal U.S. level value of production.

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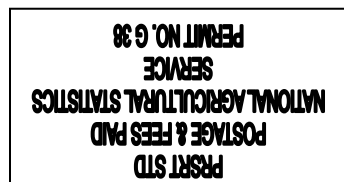
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